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CHJUSMAGTHAI

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TAGS: MASS TH
SUBJECT: FMS SHIP PROCUREMENT INFORMATION

1. RTG HAS INDICATED NEED AND INTENTION OF UPGRADING THE RTN MINESWEEPER FORCE. OPTIONS UNDER CONSIDERATION INCLUDE EITHER EXTENSIVE MODIFICATIONS TO OBSOLESCE CRAFT AND EQUIPMENT, AND/OR PURCHASE OF NEW CONSTRUCTION.

2. RTG HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN OBTAINING MINESWEEPERS-COASTAL (MSC), MINESWEEPING BOATS (MSB), OR BOTH FROM USG. TO KEEP PROCUREMENT COSTS TO A MINIMUM, RTG DESIRES TO USE ESTABLISHED SHIP DESIGNS. IT IS THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE RTG THAT MSC'S ARE PRESENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION FOR A MIDDLE EASTERN NAVY. THE RTG REQUESTS ESTIMATED PRICE AND RELEASABLE SPECIFICATIONS, INCLUDING INSTALLED EQUIPMENT, ON THIS CLASS SHIP AND ON THE CURRENT MSB DESIGN.

3. RTG ADDITIONALLY REQUESTS SIMILAR DATA ON ANY OTHER MSG/MSB SHIPS OR DESIGNS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE FOR FOREIGN SALE, INCLUDING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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4. A PRIMARY POINT OF RTG CONCERN IN CONSIDERING PURCHASE OF ANY MINESWEEPER SHIP/CRAFT IS SPARE PARTS SUPPORTABILITY. SHOULD REQUEST FOR INFORMATION BE APPROVED, EQUIPMENT SUPPORTABILITY PROJECTIONS SHOULD BE INCLUDED.

5. TO MEET RTN BUDGETING REQUIREMENTS, JUSMAGTHAI RECOMMENDS
ADVANCE INFORMATION BE FORWARDED AND REQUESTS THAT GENERALIZED
SPECIFICATIONS AND PRICING INFO, PARTICULARLY ON NEW CONSTRUCTION
MSC'S, BE PROVIDED BY MESSAGE TO JUSMAGTHAI AS SOON AS AVAILABLE,
IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING DETAILED SPECIFICATIONS BY MAIL.

6. INTRODUCTION OF NEW CRAFT OF THIS TYPE INTO RTN INVENTORY WOULD
REPRESENT MODERNIZATION OF EXISTING SYSTEMS AND WOULD NOT INCREASE
OFFENSIVE CAPABILITY. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF RELEASE OF
INFO REQUESTED AS NOTED PARAS 2, 3, 4, AND 5 ABOVE.
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